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Changes to Nevada Health Link for November 2014 Open Enrollment

Carson City, Nev. – Today, the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange Board voted to transfer from Xerox's health insurance enrollment system (BOS) to healthcare.gov's eligibility and enrollment system. This vote was not a decision to turn Nevada's State-Based Exchange into a Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM). Rather, Nevada Health Link will be a Supported State Based Marketplace. As a Supported State Based Marketplace, Nevada will continue to conduct plan certification, rate review, Medicaid eligibility and Medicaid enrollment, along with marketing and outreach. Nevada will also continue to oversee the Navigator program, which has aided thousands of Nevadans in obtaining insurance coverage over the last seven months.

The federal government will pay all costs associated with transitioning from the BOS to healthcare.gov. Nevada will not be required to pay a monthly per member per month fee to healthcare.gov for its use. The federal government will pay 90% of any costs incurred to disconnect Nevada's Medicaid system from the BOS and to connect Nevada's Medicaid system to healthcare.gov. The initial high estimates of this cost ranges between \$15 - \$20 million, of which Nevada must pay 10%.

Steve Fisher, Interim Executive Director for the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, stated:

"The Board's unanimous decision ultimately reflects the Exchange's foremost concern: ensuring that Nevadans receive unfettered access to health insurance coverage. Additionally, it is the least cost option with the highest probability of success for the 2015 plan year." said Fisher. "Exchange staff is in full support of the Board's decision, and plans to continue working diligently with all parties to ensure a smooth transition for Nevadans."

Xerox's call center and website operations will remain uninterrupted for current members enrolled in coverage for the 2014 plan year. Xerox's current system will also remain available until November 15, 2014 for those experiencing Qualifying Life Events.

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